

## ZIONISTS TEACH THAT THE EARTH IS A FLAT LAND

(By Associated Press)  
Zion, Ill., Oct. 18.—Zion schools of which Wilbur Glenn Voliva, the overseer of the colony, is president, have adopted his new theories of a flat world and the absence of gravitation and the 1,000 grade and high school pupils believe them implicitly according to their teachers.

The public school maintained by the state board of education and attended by the children of non-members of Voliva's Christian-Catholic Apostolic church still teaches, however, that the world is a globe moving through limitless space and that it was the attraction of gravity which caused the apple to fall on Isaac Newton's head.

At the Zion schools the new course of study teaches that:  
The earth is a flat circular world, with a north pole in the exact center, no south pole, and surrounded by a wall of ice which keeps venturers from falling off the rim.

That the earth has no motion, but remains stationary in space.

That the sun is not millions of miles in diameter and 91,000,000 miles away, but is really a little orb 32 miles across and only 3,000 miles from the earth.

That the law of gravitation is a fallacy and when objects are thrown into the air they continue to rise until the force which propelled them is expended, and then fall back to earth because they are heavier than air.

A standard map of the world, on Christopher's projection, is used in the schools to demonstrate the flat world theory. This map, which is used by navigators and scientists in making time and longitude calculations, differs from the usual Mercator's projection familiar in other schools, in that it shows the earth as it would look to an observer directly above the north pole, with the continents and seas projected on a flat plane. As a result the north pole is in the center, and instead of a south pole the Antarctic regions are indicated by a white ring about the outer circumference of the circle. This ring, according to Voliva, is the ice barrier which keeps mariners from falling off the edge of his flat world.

The Christopher projection was made 30 years ago, prior to the discovery of the south pole and before much was known about the Antarctic regions, so only a bare outline of portions of the southern ice land is shown.

Miss Mary Thompson, principal of the Zion school system, and an ardent believer in the Voliva theories, has propounded a question which she believes will trip scientists and navigators. Showing on her flat map that the tropic of Cancer, 43 degrees from the north pole, was a much smaller circle than the tropic of Capricorn, 47 degrees farther away, Miss Thompson says:

"Navigators on a globular earth would find if they were to sail completely around either of these tropics that they would be identical the same length. On a flat earth, however, the tropic of Capricorn would be much larger than the tropic of Cancer, and would take much longer to sail around, because on a flat earth Cancer would be nearer the center, or north pole. Why don't some of the globular earth believers try sailing around the two tropics and find out whether they or we are correct. The globular people certainly can't prove curvature of the earth."

Miss Eva Baker, teacher of geography, demonstrates to her classes that the sun is only a tiny orb a few thousand miles away, instead of a orb millions of miles in diameter and 91,000,000 miles from the earth. If the sun was so large, she says, it would light up all the world, instead of confining its hottest rays to a 3,000 mile wide belt between the two tropics. Voliva himself, in a recent sermon at Shiloh Tabernacle, said God certainly would not have made a sun to light the world and then placed it so far away.

"A man would be a fool," the overseer added, "to build a house in Zion and place his parlor light in Kenosha, Wis."

Miss Thompson, principal of the schools, says the children prefer their new flat world to the old fashioned round one in which Columbus believed.

"The students in Zion schools," she says, "grasp the theory of the flat earth readily because their minds are not full of globular earth teaching such as older folks have had drilled into them. Therefore,

## Palatka Motorcade To Go To Hastings Thursday Evening

The Palatka Concert Band will give a concert in Hastings at 7 p. m. next Thursday, October 20th. Fifty automobiles are wanted.

At first it was intended to have the concert in the afternoon but as some of the musicians could not go in the afternoon the time of the concert was changed to 7 p. m.

All automobiles are to form on Fifth street between Lemon and the bridge, at 6 p. m., prompt, and proceed from forming point at 6:15 prompt.

John Q. Tilghman as chairman of the retailers committee of the Chamber of Commerce, will be marshal of the motorcade, and reports that six automobiles are needed for the band.

This is the initial visit of Palatka merchants and the band to the merchants and citizens of surrounding communities. Director Shearouse confidently expects the same generous encouragement that autoists have given the Sunday concerts and Marshal Tilghman is rounding up a goodly number of citizens and merchants to join the motorcade.

Miami, Palm Beach and other coast cities have carried on similar visits and it is not uncommon for four to five hundred people to journey to neighboring towns in these motorcades.

A basket ball game between Hastings and a Palatka team will follow the concert.

Telephone the Chamber of Commerce—450—if you will join in the trip and how many of the band you can carry or if you will go as an escort. Let's show Hastings we want to entertain them and desire their encouragement through visits here. The larger the crowd the bigger the celebration, and while at least fifty automobiles are expected to join the band, one hundred will be more welcome.

## Pope Refused a New Trial; Will Take It Higher

Special to the News  
Jacksonville, Oct. 18.—The motion for a new trial for John H. Pope, 36, lawyer, convicted nine days ago of first degree murder with a recommendation for mercy, for the killing of George H. Hickman, Palace Theatre manager, by Frank Rawlings, on the night of September 4, was denied by Judge George Couper Gibbs in the Circuit Court shortly before noon today.

Pope was sentenced by Judge Gibbs to life imprisonment, with hard labor, for the remainder of his natural life. The prisoner did not comment of the sentence and was removed to the county jail in custody of Deputy Sheriff A. J. Briggance.

An affidavit for insolvency was immediately filed by the defendant's attorney, Edgar W. Waybright, and he was adjudged by the court as insolvent. Judge Gibbs then ordered the county to pay the expenses of the appeal to the Supreme Court, which attorneys for the defense will immediately prepare.

They accept the flat earth teaching without questioning, not because they have to, but because it appeals to them as rational. I don't believe there is one student in the grades who has questioned it. The flat earth seems more reasonable to them as rational. I don't believe there is one student in the grades who has questioned it. The flat earth seems more reasonable to them. The globular, unreal."

Wilbur Glenn Voliva, who succeeded John Alexander Dowie as overseer of Zion on the latter's death in March 1907, was born near Newton, Ind., March 10, 1870. In 1897 he received his B. A. from Hiram College, Ohio, and in the same year a degree from Union Christian college at Meigs, Ind. In 1899 he had been ordained a minister in the Christian church at the age of 19, and held a pastorate at Linden, Ind., from 1899 to 1892; Urbana, Ill., 1892-93; studied theology at Stanfordville, N. Y., 1893-94 and supplied the pulpit of Chestnut street Christian church at Albany, N. Y.; filled a pulpit at York Harbor, Maine, the following year; and was pastor of the Christian church at Washington C. H., Ohio, in 1897-99.

In 1899, Voliva joined Dowie's church and was ordained an elder and placed in charge of the Zion tabernacle in Chicago. In 1900 and 1901 he represented Dowie at Cincinnati; and then was sent to Australia as overseer of the Dowie settlement of Zion there. He returned to Zion, Ill., in 1906 as assistant to Dowie.

## Cash Prizes Are Offered for Best Armistice Float

F. H. Wilson, chairman of the Automobile Parade of the American Legion Armistice Day celebration, announced last night that the prizes which will be given this year for the best floats will more than repay the costs of decorating. The first prize will be a cash remuneration of fifty dollars. As second prize thirty-five dollars will be paid and a third prize of fifteen dollars will also be given. These prizes will be paid to the person or firm whom the judges decide has the best decorated automobile or truck as judged from a patriotic standpoint.

In addition to the three prizes to be given for automobiles and trucks, three prizes will be given the boy or girl who has the best, most original and most artistically decorated bicycles as judged from a patriotic point of view. These prizes will be five dollars for the best, three for the next and two for a third prize. The entrants to this contest must be under sixteen years of age. Mr. Wilson said last night after a meeting of the various committees of the Armistice Day celebration that his committee is adding these prizes on account of the great demand from boys in both the rural and the city schools that such prizes be offered. He said that he feels sure there will be a great deal of interest among the school children.

With about three weeks left, the prospects are better than ever for one of the best parades the city of Palatka has ever witnessed. The prospects are that there will be more entrants than ever before and that the decorations will be prettier.

## Grand Jury Probes Rotes and Finds a Bunch of Boosters

The Putnam county grand jury yesterday attended the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club as guests of the club and after a thorough investigation found the rotes genuine boosters and optimists. Foreman Chris Waldron was profuse in his thanks for the courtesies extended the members of the inquisitorial body.

The program for the day was in charge of Ed M. Earnest, the discussion being on whether or not business competitors were an asset or a liability. The discussion was participated in by Walter Hilliard, Charley Hudson, Orville Hamm, Herb Yelverton and H. M. Fearnside. The consensus of opinion being that a competitor is necessary to the high conduct of business at its highest efficiency.

The next meeting of the club will be held next Tuesday evening at which the boys work for the coming year will be discussed, and at which time the members of the high school football team will be guests.

## Clarke Asserts He Made But \$16,000 In Last 17 Months

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 18.—Claiming an attempt had been made to create an impression that his personal earnings as imperial kingle of the Ku Klux Klan were enormous, Edward Y. Clarke, in a statement made public today, declared his net earnings for the past 17 months amounted to only \$16,000.

"The statements from Washington yesterday that I received \$225,000 for my services during the last year are false," said Clarke. "This amount is the total sum which has been available for the past 17 months to conduct a national organization campaign, attended with heavy expenses. My net earnings during this period were \$16,000."

## Thieves Steal a Box of Records of Bergdoll Case

Washington, Oct. 18.—Nearly a thousand copies of the house committee report on the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll the draft dodger and a big wooden box containing certain Bergdoll documents together with many private letters and papers were stolen last night from the office of Representative Johnson, Democrat, Kentucky.

The theft of the reports written by Mr. Johnson and printed at his own expense was not discovered until late today while the Washington police were still trying to get on the trail of the thieves by examination of finger prints on the window pane, one of which was partially removed.

## Forbes Is Caustic In His Criticisms of Service Bureau

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Oct. 18.—Placement of disabled service men "under conditions that are criminal and relating to slavery" was charged by Director Forbes, of the Veteran's Bureau, in an address today at the first meeting of the bureau's district managers.

Colonel Forbes criticized in detail the system by which service men had been placed in training and in the course of his address, and later through a formal statement issued from the Veteran's Bureau, announced the disapproval of contracts held by thirty-three schools and individuals for training those disabled in the world war. In this connection he told the district managers that in a number of cases they had been derelict in their duty.

## Ku Klux Klan Is Already Dead Is Dunne's Opinion

(By Associated Press)  
Chicago, Oct. 18.—The National Unity Council, formed to combat the Ku Klux Klan, has abandoned its plans for a national organization, according to a letter sent out today by former Governor Dunne, one of the body's backers.

Instead the council will substitute a plan for a general committee to foster kindlier feelings between all classes of Americans and the elimination of racial and religious animosities. The letter says in part:

"The exposure of the Klan has been so thorough that in our opinion it has not only paralyzed the power of the Ku Klux Klan to carry out any program of masked violence and intimidation but it has gained for the organization almost universal condemnation and contempt."

## Indictments Charge Four With Stealing Autos by Wholesale

(By Associated Press)  
Lakeland, Oct. 18.—The Polk county grand jury at Bartow today returned indictments against four men held in connection with the alleged automobile theft gang. Two counts charging them with having received stolen property and larceny were returned against J. G. Flynn, T. Hart Getzen and D. M. Bryant, while another indictment directed at Flynn, Getzen and J. M. Lee charged larceny of an automobile and receiving stolen goods.

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Eight men are now under indictment in connection with the alleged gang the activities of which, according to officials, involved 28 men and ranged between Atlanta and Tampa. The Hardee county grand jury on September 5 returned indictments against H. J. Cahill, A. J. Jones, John Cravatt and W. O. Murrell.

## W. A. MURRAY BITTEN BY MOCCASIN LAST NIGHT

W. A. Murray was bitten by a water moccasin late last night while landing a raft of logs in Porter Bros. boom on the St. Johns river. Murray was suffering excruciating pain from the effects of the snake's bite when he was treated. Dr. Miller says that he is not in serious danger.

## WOODMEN TO MEET

The Woodmen Circle will meet in the Woodmen Hall tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

## CONFERENCE CALLED WITH VIEW TO AID IN SOLUTION

(Continued from Page 1.) threatened violation of the boards orders. It was pointed out, however, that there would be no violation of the board's July 1 wage reduction order until the men actually walked out.

## Stiff? Sore?

A lame back, a sore muscle or a stiff joint often is considered too lightly by the sufferer. It should be remembered that backache, rheumatic pains, stiffness, soreness, swollen skin and puffiness under the eyes are symptoms of kidney and bladder trouble—and these certainly should not be neglected.

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By coincidence the first hearing at which anybody has been cited to appear before the board has formulated a decision, has been set for the same day as the conference Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The Pennsylvania has been ordered to appear at that time because it has not held a meeting of shopmen's representatives as directed by the board.

## Demand Lower Freight

Explaining further the public statement issued by the public group in Washington Sunday, Mr. Hooper said that the board recognized that there was "a universal demand for the reduction of freight rates."

"Suggesting translation of the last wage reduction at this time, the board does not deem that parties may not come before it with disputes," Mr. Hooper said.

"The suggestion was made merely as a modus vivendi for solving the

present transportation problem suggested that the roads cease reductions for the present and reduce rates as the first step in revival of industry. We believe the business depression of the try and lower the cost of living. "Then after the public had given abbreathing spell the would be at full liberty to come at the board for further wage tion."

## Says Executives Error

Clifford Thorne, general manager for the farm bureau federation, characterized action of railroad executives in refusing per cent. reduction in freight as a "grave error." Practically great industry and the railroad employes themselves have been to accept cuts in price for wage

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